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SENATE BILL NO. 165

Introduced by: Senators Koskan, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bartling, Bogue, Dempster, Earley, Gant, Greenfield, Hanson (Gary), Kelly, Knudson, McCracken, Moore, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Schoenbeck, and Sutton (Duane) and Representatives Dykstra, Brunner, Davis, Dennert, Frost, Garnos, Gassman, Hackl, Hanks, Hargens, Haverly, Hennies, Jensen, Jerke, Klaudt, Koistinen, Michels, Novstrup, Putnam, Rhoden, Roberts, Turbiville, Weems, and Wick

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a position within the Legislative branch of
2 government to research the development of nuclear energy in South Dakota.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall employ or
5 contract with a person or entity to serve as or to provide for the services of a nuclear energy
6 development specialist for the purpose of researching and promoting the development of
7 electrical power generated in South Dakota from nuclear energy sources. The nuclear energy
8 development specialist shall work under the supervision of the Legislative Research Council
9 with oversight by the Executive Board.

10 Section 2. In selecting a person to serve as a nuclear energy development specialist pursuant
11 to section 1 of this Act, the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall consider
12 the recommendations of a search committee established for that purpose. The search committee
13 shall consist of the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the majority



1 leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one
2 member of the Public Utilities Commission to be selected by the Public Utilities Commission,
3 the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House of Representatives
4 Appropriations Committee, the director of the Legislative Research Council, and five persons
5 with backgrounds in energy research or development or the energy industry appointed by the
6 Executive Board.

7 Section 3. The nuclear energy development specialist shall research and pursue all feasible
8 avenues to promote the generation of electrical power in South Dakota from nuclear energy
9 sources, including:

- 10 (1) Developing an understanding of the technical and organizational aspects of nuclear
11 power development and the nuclear power industry;
- 12 (2) Becoming familiar and establishing contacts with the private sector, utilities,
13 regulatory agencies, other public agencies, the academic community, and other
14 relevant entities;
- 15 (3) Becoming familiar with federal policy and initiatives related to nuclear power;
- 16 (4) Coordinating with the power industry, regulatory bodies, and development
17 organizations;
- 18 (5) Becoming familiar with power and transmission infrastructure requirements,
19 constraints, and opportunities;
- 20 (6) Developing an understanding of power markets and the economic factors and impacts
21 associated with the development of nuclear power;
- 22 (7) Becoming familiar with the health and safety aspects of nuclear power;
- 23 (8) Developing an understanding of public attitudes and political and ideological factors
24 associated with nuclear power;

1 (9) Becoming familiar with nuclear power operations and initiatives in other states,
2 regions, and nations;

3 (10) Pursuing funding opportunities from all sources;

4 (11) Pursuing potential agreements for the establishment of facilities and organizations
5 to generate electricity in South Dakota using nuclear energy sources.

6 Section 4. When the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council determines that
7 the nuclear energy development specialist has completed the duties required of the position to
8 a sufficient degree, the position and any unencumbered balance that was appropriated for the
9 position shall be transferred to the South Dakota Energy Infrastructure Authority pursuant to
10 § 4-8A-8.